

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Conference Call Minutes Sunday, October 18th, 2020

[8:00 PM – 9:00 PM] - All Members – Statewide Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461712645

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The meeting was called to order by W. Keck at 8:01 PM. Attendance was taken by V. Iyer at 8:02 PM.

Present: V. Iyer, W. Keck, A. Drahos, A. Moorlach, B. Kelly, I. Hanson, J. Piazza, K. Jones, K. Hesselink, K. Castillo, K. Chugh, K. Huntington, L. Glenn, L. Roarick, P. Bassuk, S. Wilson, S. Koh, S. Drey, T. Loudon

Absent: Kameron Jones

I. Welcome and Announcements

At 8:03 PM, P. Bassuk motioned to approve minutes, seconded by A. Drahos. The motion passes unanimously.

II. Service Learnings

At 8:04 PM, M. Rodgers from AmeriCorps begins a presentation about service and volunteer hours

III. Committee Updates and Service/Legislative Chair

At 8:08 PM, P. Bassuk of the Education committee:

The legislative priorities are broadband access with a COVID focus, requirements of equity professional development to teach in Iowa, and asking for a culturally representative and historically accurate K-12 curriculum. There is a heavy focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the committee.

At 8:14 PM, A. Moorlach of the HR committee:

The legislative priorities are repealing/adjusting Iowa's voter ID laws and creating sanctuary cities in our state.

At 8:17 PM, L. Glenn of the Health committee:

The legislative priority is the menstrual hygiene products.

At 8:20 PM, I. Hanson of the Environmental committee:

The legislative priorities are reduction of food waste, sustainability in schools, water quality, adding sustainability courses in schools, as well as the healthy food incentive.

At 8:21 PM, K. Kalathur introduces herself, her position as the IYC liaison, and what IYC is doing as of right now.



At 8:24 PM, P. Bassuk asks a question about IYC and how it works.

IV. 2nd Quarterly Updates

At 8:29 PM, W. Keck talks about 2nd Quarterly updates

2nd quarterly was moved to Wednesday, November 18, 2020

We will be voting on position statements on that day but position statements are due on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Email W. Keck, V. Iyer, A. Drahos, K. Chugh, K. Powell, and T. Moseley with position statements as soon as possible.

At 8:35 PM, S. Drey clarifies that committees write and submit position statements collectively, not individually.

At 8:36 PM, W. Keck strongly encourages members of committees to be on many drafts within their committees in order for people to be able to continue in SIYAC after 2nd Quarterly votes. Also, we do need to appeal to Republican legislators in order to succeed in the Iowa legislature.

V. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair

At 8:43 PM, W. Keck introduces the job of the DEI chair as someone who will keep SIYAC diverse, monitor position statements for DEI motives, and help make SIYAC a more equitable place that doesn't cater to only one demographic. Email W. Keck with questions and concerns.

VI. Good of the Order

At 8:45 PM, W. Keck begins the discussion of Good of the Order. The council begins a discussion period.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VII. Adjournment

At 8:51 PM, the call was adjourned.